

HOUSE RESOLUTION 151  
By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gertrude Sheets on the celebration of her 107th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Sheets will celebrate her 107th birthday on May 11, 2003, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Thomas Calvin and Mary Elizabeth Massengill Din, Mrs. Sheets was born and raised in Mossy Creek; and

WHEREAS, reared in the company of seven brothers and two sisters, Gertrude Sheets was blessed with a loving family, a successful father, extraordinary intelligence, and remarkable musical gifts; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sheets joined the Martha Davis Baptist Church at an early age; as both of her parents were active in the congregation, she quickly became a devout follower of Christ and faithfully served this church for many years; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Jefferson City, Gertrude Sheets has always been a highly respected member of her community; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, Gertrude Sheets was joined in marriage with John F. Sheets, Sr., and to the couple's blessed union were born eight beautiful children: John, Jr., Thomas Calvin, Susie Lovada, Virginia Lee, James Arthur, Mary Frances, Trudy Mae, and Gladys Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, a loving and devoted mother and wife, Mrs. Sheets worked assiduously for many years to routinely transform the family's house into a sanctuary of beauty, warmth, and hospitality, refreshing the spirits of her husband, children, and neighbors alike and endowing them with precious memories that are treasured still today; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her private domestic endeavors, Gertrude Sheets was employed by several families in Jefferson City and Oak Ridge and served as a Maid in the Swann Dormitory at Carson-Newman College; and

WHEREAS, upon entering into her well-deserved retirement, Mrs. Sheets traveled across the country, visiting with her children in Dallas, Texas, Washington, D.C., Roselle, New Jersey, and New York City; and

WHEREAS, as Gertrude Sheets approaches her twelfth decade, she is still a productive member of society, though she sorely misses attending church services; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate Mrs. Gertrude Sheets on the celebration of her 107th birthday, extending to her our best wishes for her continued happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.